

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT # 8 1500 Hours 2 September 2006

New Information in Bold Italics

SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center has increased its awareness and preparation for the possible impact of Tropical Storm Ernesto.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Response Operations condition, monitoring National Hurricane Center advisories, National Weather Service and River Forecast Center forecasts, coordinating conference calls, and producing Situation Reports. FEMA ERT-A has arrived at the VEOC to support the Federal Coordinating Officer, ESF #5 Emergency Management, Logistics, Planning; ESF #14 Long-term Community Recovery and Mitigation (Preliminary Damage Assessment section), ESF #1 Transportation, ESF #3 Public Works, ESF #10 Oil and Hazardous Materials Response, Emergency Planning Liaison Officer, Joint Information Center – Public Affairs, and External Affairs.

VDEM Priorities: Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens and emergency workers; coordinate an efficient and effective state response effort; manage an aggressive response to request for assistance; and, keep stakeholders and the public informed.

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 31, 2006, allowing the deployment of Virginia National Guard personnel and other assets in preparation for Tropical Storm Ernesto.

Protective Actions:

Local Activation of EOC:

City of Richmond – 31 August @ 1300
Henrico County – Closed 1 September @ 2200
Fairfax County – Closed 2 September @ 0700
City of Colonial Heights – Closed 1 September @ 1130
Waynesboro City – Closed 1 September @ 1700
New Kent County – 1 September @ 0700
City of Hampton – 1 September @ 0800
City of Virginia Beach – Closed 1 September @ 1700
James City County – Closed 1 September @ 1800
Chesterfield County – 1 September @ 0600
York County – 1 September @ 0700
Town of Herndon – Closed 2 September @ 1100
Loudoun County – Closed 1 September @ 2030
City of Poquoson – 1 September @ 1000
Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1030
Stafford County – 1 September @ 2100
Gloucester County – 1 September @ 0800
Town of Chincoteague – Closed 2 September @ 1500
Lancaster County – Closed 2 September @ 1200
Accomack County – Closed 1 September 1800
Northampton County – Closed 2 September @ 1200
Middlesex County – 1 September
City of Newport News – Closed 1 September 0800
City of Chesapeake – Closed 1 September @1445

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Local State of Emergency Declared

Waynesboro City – Rescinded 1 September @ 1700

York County – 1 September @ 0900

City of Poquoson – 1 September @ 0900

City of Richmond – 1 September

City of Newport News – Rescinded

Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1230

Lancaster County – 1 September @ 1200

Accomack County – 1 September @ 1200

Northampton County – 1 September @ 1400

Richmond County – 1 September @ 1830

Middlesex County – 1 September @ 1600

Gloucester County – 1 September @ 1200

Fairfax County – Rescinded 2 September @ 0300

Mathews County – 1 September @ 1215

Local Activation of Shelters:

Henrico County – Closed 1 September

York County/Poquoson – 1 September (1 shelter open)

City of Richmond – 1 September @ 1030 (1 shelter open, 76 occupants)

City of Hampton – Closed 1 September @ 1800

Northumberland County – 1 September (1 shelter open, 15 occupants)

Lancaster County – 1 September (1 shelter open, 15 occupants)

Accomack County – Closed 1 September

Middlesex County – 1 September @ (1 shelter open)

Gloucester County – 1 September (1 shelter open, 30 occupants)

City of Newport News – 1 September @ (1 shelter open, 30 occupants)

Mathews County – 2 September (1 shelter open)

Adjacent Jurisdictions:

North Carolina Declared a State of Emergency

The District of Columbia Declared a State of Emergency

West Virginia Declared a State of Emergency.

ESF 15 – External Affairs: Distributing press releases and fielding media inquiries. Joint Information Center (JIC) is operational. Governor Kaine had a press conference at the VEOC on 1 September @ 1300. ***Governor Kaine appeared on Good Morning America and the Today Show on 2 September. Telephone interviews held with the Associated Press, Richmond Times-Dispatch, WRVA, Reuters, Fox News and MSNBC.***

WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday 2 September: Areas of drizzle and fog before 0700 hours then isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming partly sunny, with a high near 81. Northwest winds of 7 to 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%. A coastal flood warning remains posted for Chesapeake Bay and the tidal Potomac. Tropical depression Ernesto has become extra-tropical and nearly stationary over the Mid-Atlantic while continuing to move slowly north. Flood warnings and flash flood watches are no longer in effect for Virginia. **Tonight:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. Calm wind between 4 and 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

OPERATIONS SECTION

ESF 5 – Emergency Management: *Virginia has returned to Hurricane Readiness Condition 5 (Normal Readiness). Regional Conference Calls for localities and National Weather Service have been held daily since Wednesday 30 August. A Conference Call with State Agencies has been*

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conducted daily since Wednesday, 30 August. VDEM has also participated in Conference Call involving the State of Maryland, FEMA National, FEMA Region III, United States Coast Guard and others. **On Sunday 3 September Regional Conference Calls for localities are scheduled as follows: VDEM Regions 1 and 5 – 1000 hours.**

STATE WARNING POINT: Monitoring National Hurricane Center and local National Weather Service advisories.

LOCAL LIAISON: *There have been a total of 9 requests from localities as of 2 September 1400. These requests are:*

- Debris removal equipment in the Town of Chincoteague
- Radio communications repair assistance in Powhatan County
- Phone/radio communications repair assistance in Middlesex County
- High-water vehicles for evacuating families whose homes were flooded in Gloucester County
- "John boats" needed to assist in the evacuation of residents in flooded areas of Lancaster County
- Water storage/distribution equipment to meet residents needs in Hanover County
- **Initial Damage Assessment teams have been requested by Gloucester County**
- **Long-term housing has been requested for approximately 20 families in the Newport News area**
- **Bottled water has been requested by Northumberland County**
- **The City of Richmond requested shelter staff assistance at the Arthur Ashe Center.**

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services: 11 personnel from VA-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Norfolk VA, deployed to Atlanta, GA and 21 have been placed on standby by FEMA/NDMS. Riverside Regional Medical Center is no longer on backup generator. Newport News Health Department has no power. **The Office of Chief Medical Examiner states that 4 deaths are confirmed to be directly related to storm events, and 2 deaths are pending. The Acting Director of the City of Richmond's Health Department has declared Battery Park a health hazard.**

ESF 9 – Search & Rescue: 1 CAP aircraft equipped with Satellite Digital Imagery System (SDIS) will be deployed 2 September. City of Roanoke has a Type II Swiftwater Rescue Team (6-person) on standby to assist requesting agencies. Four Salem personnel would deploy with the City of Roanoke.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation: *As of 1200 hours, VDOT reports 6 primary roads and 116 secondary roads are closed or under repair due to flooding or washout. VDOT has reopened ferry service at the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry as of 2 September.* U.S. Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads standing down from Hurricane Operations and returning to normal operations.

ESF 3 – Public Works: US Army Corps of Engineers reports that all locks and bridges are functioning and all canal water levels are normal.

ESF 12 – Energy: *Virginia Dominion Power has reported a total of approximately 338,000 customers without power throughout the incident. A total of 154,655 customers are currently without power as of 2 September @ 1500 Hours, a breakdown of regions is as follows: Southeast Virginia – 56,687, Northern Virginia – 11,464, Richmond/Tri-Cities – 43,072, Gloucester/Northern Neck – 40,008. Electric Cooperatives report 6,500 customers without power as of 2 September at 1400 hours.*

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ESF 13 – Public Safety: VA National Guard is prepositioned for local evacuation in the Hampton Roads, Richmond and Shenandoah Valley areas.

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support: Standing by to coordinate federal identification and establishment of Mobilization Center and Staging Areas for commodities. FEMA has pre-positioned 90 trailers in VA. VDEM is mapping potential points of distribution and awaiting input from localities.

RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

Initial Damage

Assessment Report:

Locality	Private	Public*
<i>Accomack County</i>	<i>\$110,000</i>	<i>\$351,200*</i>
<i>Amelia County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$10,000*</i>
<i>Brunswick County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$2,000*</i>
<i>Caroline County</i>	<i>\$9,000</i>	<i>\$76,200*</i>
<i>Charles City County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$50,000*</i>
<i>Chesterfield County</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>	<i>\$22,000*</i>
<i>Chincoteague, Town of</i>	<i>\$254,000</i>	<i>\$111,500</i>
<i>Dinwiddie County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$15,000*</i>
<i>Essex County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$75,000*</i>
<i>Franklin County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$75,000*</i>
<i>Goochland County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$2,000*</i>
<i>Greensville County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$25,000*</i>
<i>Hanover County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$2,000*</i>
<i>Henrico County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$10,000*</i>
<i>Hampton City</i>	<i>\$176,000</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Henry County</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Isle of Wight</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$150,000*</i>
<i>Powhatan County</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>James City County</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>	<i>\$450,000*</i>
<i>King George County</i>	<i>\$1,000,000</i>	<i>\$320,000</i>
<i>King William County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$75,000*</i>
<i>Lancaster County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$200,000*</i>
<i>Lunenburg County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$10,000*</i>
<i>Mecklenburg County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$2,000*</i>
<i>New Kent County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$50,000*</i>
<i>Newport News, City of</i>	<i>\$4,072,000</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Northampton County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$75,000*</i>
<i>Northumberland</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$200,000*</i>
<i>Nottoway County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$5,000*</i>
<i>Poquoson, City of</i>	<i>\$925,000</i>	<i>\$79,500</i>
<i>Powhatan County</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>	<i>\$8,000*</i>
<i>Prince George County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$15,000*</i>
<i>Richmond County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$100,000*</i>
<i>Southampton County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$75,000*</i>
<i>Surry County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$100,000*</i>
<i>Sussex County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$50,000*</i>
<i>Westmoreland County</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$175,000*</i>
<i>York County</i>	<i>\$515,000</i>	<i>\$1,060,000*</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$7,541,000</i>	<i>\$4,026,400*</i>

*includes VDOT estimates

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FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Finance: *Damage Assessment teams on standby for IA and PA. Local liaison reservists arriving at VEOC.*

PLANNING SECTION

Planning: *Monitor and review incoming situational status and damage assessment. Distribute Situation Report, Conference Call Minutes, and Incident Action Plan.*

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